

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

10 May 2010

Appointment and training of Independent Members

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the independent Member appointments approved by full Council and to consider their induction and training needs.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Standards Committee has recently undertaken a combined recruitment process for appointments to the independent Member positions held by Mr Daghish (whose term of office ends at the Council meeting on 19 May 2010) and previously held by Ms Fleming (who resigned from the Committee with effect from February this year).
- 2.2 A Panel of Members drawn from this Committee interviewed the short-listed candidates and made its recommendations re appointments, to the Committee on 5 February 2010. The Standards Committee considered the Panel's recommendations and made the necessary recommendations to full Council to approve the appointments, at its meeting on 17 February 2010.

3.0 INDEPENDENT MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

- 3.1 Full Council, at its February meeting and on the recommendations of the Standards Committee, appointed Ms Hilary Bainbridge and Mrs Hilary Gilbertson MBE to these independent Member positions. They are warmly welcomed to the Committee and we look forward to working with them in furthering the Council's ethical agenda.
- 3.2 Hilary Bainbridge's term of office will commence on 19 May 2010 and run until the annual Council meeting in 2014.
- 3.3 Hilary Gilbertson's term of office commenced on 1 March 2010 and will run until the annual Council meeting in 2014.
- 3.4 Background profiles of the Committee's new independent Members are included in the draft Standards Bulletin which is the subject of a separate report to this Committee meeting.

4.0 INDEPENDENT MEMBER INDUCTION TRAINING

- 4.1 The Monitoring Officer will supply the new independent Members with copies of:
- the Council's Constitution and other appropriate documentation (eg Whistleblowing Policy, Equality Act policies and procedures and anti-bullying policies);
 - the Code of Conduct;
 - the Protocol for Member/Officer Relations and any other relevant Protocol(s); and
 - information re regional groups of independent Members

and will liaise with the independent Members re attending meetings of Council, Executive, Planning Committee, Overview & Scrutiny Committee(s), and Area Committees.

- 4.2 General refresher training for the Committee on the standards regime is planned for later in the year, after the introduction of the new model Members' Code of Conduct. Refresher training is also scheduled for the Committee in November. Members are requested to identify any other immediate standards training needs at this time.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That Members note the contents of this report and that the Committee determines any immediate standards training needs for its Members.

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Background Documents:

Minutes of Standards Committee meetings 2009/10.

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